IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: Rafferty Case: VM/002

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Examiner: Le, Huyen D. Group Art Unit: 2615

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Title: HEARING AID THAT FACILITATES REMOVAL OF EARWAX AND

TRAPPING OF MOISTURE

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SIR:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED OCTOBER 4, 2010

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 4, 2010, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 3, 2010, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

The Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, such as extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.